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Title:	STABLE FORMULATIONS OF ACE INHIBITORS AND METHODS FOR PREPARATION THEREOF		

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Dear Sir:

Applicants elect Group I (claims 1 to 18) in response to the Restriction Requirement of February 7, 2008.

Applicants traverse the finding that the claims lack unity of invention. The Office Action denies the presence of special technical features, contending that the composition comprising the ACE inhibitor and meglumine does not provide an inventive contribution since US 2002/0039594 teaches the combination of ACE inhibitors and meglumine. Applicants submit that US' 594 teaches solid porous matrix comprising a surfactant in combination with a therapeutic. The therapeutic agent is selected from a large number of compounds (see claim 29, for example). The reference does not direct one of ordinary skill to the specific combination of the present invention. Moreover US' 594 relates to novel compositions and methods useful in delivering targeted therapeutics. More particularly, US'594 relates to methods for targeting a region of a patient by administering to the patient compositions having a surfactant and a therapeutic. The focus of the reference is the delivery of any useful/appropriate therapeutic to the site of action without disadvantages such as denaturation of the therapeutic. The formation of the matrix with the surfactant provides the delivery system for different drugs including ACE

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